

## ABSTRACT

An instrument for holding an intervertebral spacer, the instrument including: a shaft having a proximal end forming a handle, and a distal end forming a claw subassembly for holding said spacer; said claw subassembly including a first pincer which is fixed at the distal end of the shaft and a second pincer which is selectively rotateable into and out of spacer holding association with said first pincer to hold and release, respectively, the spacer; and an actuation mechanism for selectively rotating the second pincer.